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Applicants:

Randy S. Bethiel et al.

Application No.:

10/700,936

REMARKS

The Claim Amendments

Applicants have canceled claim 26 and amended claims 28 and 29 to delete reference to "leukemia" and "a chemotherapeutic or arti-proliferative agent", respectively. Support may be found throughout the specification and originally-filed claims. None of these amendments adds new subject matter. Their entry is requested.

These claim amendments are made expressly without waiver of applicants' rights to continue to prosecute and to obtain claims to the canceled subject matter either in this application or in other applications claiming benefit herefrom.

The Response

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 1-24 are allowable.

The Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §112, First Paragraph

The Examiner has rejected claims 26 and 28-29 because the Examiner, while acknowledging that the specification enables a treatment of allergic or type I hypersensitivity reaction, asthma, transplant rejection, graft versus host disease and rheumatoid arthritis, alleges that the specification does not reasonably provide enablement for the treatment of leukemia or a method of inhibiting JAK-3 in a biological sample.

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The Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph

The Examiner has rejected claim 261 for allegedly being indefinite. Applicant has canceled claim 26, thereby obviating this rejection.

Conclusion

Applicants request that the Examiner enter the above amendments, consider the accompanying arguments, and allow the claims to pass to issue. Should the Examiner deem expedient a telephone discussion to further the prosecution of the above application, applicants request that the Examiner contact the undersigned at his convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ The Examiner states that claim 25 is indefinite. However, claim 25 was previously canceled and it appears that the Examiner intended claim 26.